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Honorable Sir:

This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is a reply to the Advisory Action dated June 13, 2005 and the Final Rejection dated March 30, 2005 regarding the above-identified patent application. Claims 1-5 have been cancelled. Claims 6-17 are currently rejected.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

The **Current Status of the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 16 of this paper.